

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-17 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 9-17 have been amended. support for the amendment may be found in the specification, for example, on page 9, lines 23-27.

2. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-11, 13, 14, 16, and 17 are not anticipated by Preston (US 2002/0032853) under 35 USC 102(e).

Preston fails to disclose or suggest

transmitting the frames from the first data transmission device to the second data transmission device using a bearer specified by the second data transmission device.

as recited by claims 1, 9, and 17.

In Preston, the receiving terminal does not specify the bearer for transmitting information. Preston discloses a method for layered secure communications. However, in Preston, the sending node determines the bearer (see paragraphs [0035] and [0036].

Because Preston fails to disclose or suggest all the features of independent claims 1, 9, and 17, Preston does not anticipate these claims and does not anticipate dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 16.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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